

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
HELD ON MAY 7, 2024**

The May 7, 2024 public hearing of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting was brought to order by Mayor DeRudder at 6:45 pm. Council members present were Shala Cullum, Dustin Taylor, Clifford Shultz and Doug Asbury. Others present were Carbon County DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen, Angela Kallevig, Doug VanValkenburgh, Cordell VanValkenburgh, Dana Zier, Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Mayor DeRudder asked for public comment on the utility rate increases. No comment was offered.

There being no further business Councilman Shultz motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.



Mark DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MAY 7, 2024**

The May 7, 2024 meeting of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor DeRudder. Other council members present were Shala Cullum, Dustin Taylor and Doug Asbury. Others present were Carbon County DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen, Angela Kallevig, Doug VanValkenburgh, Cordell VanValkenburgh, Dana Zier, Daran Shafer, Dylan Sedlacek, Brandon Sandbak with MacKenzie Disposal, Matt Stump, Dave Ellis, Judge Bert Kraft, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the April 9, 2024 regular meeting. A motion to approve all the minutes was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the claims including check #34677 to #34707 and # 34735 Also, electronic checks #-98062 to #-98053. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #34673 to #34675. Also, electronic checks #-85242 to #-85211. Councilman Asbury seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. Angela Kallevig gave a brief update on planning board items.

The next agenda item was Special Events Applications. The first was from the Truck Pull and Derby on July 19 & 20, 2024. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Shultz, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second application was from Bridger Youth Rodeo for an event held at the Bridger rodeo grounds on July 13, 2024. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Shultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The third application was for the Jim Bridger Days Committee for July 19 & 20, 2024. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #277 a resolution to raise the bulk water rates. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Shultz, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #278 a resolution to change the employee wage scale. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the wage for the lifeguards and temporary summer help. A motion to approve the resolution with a wage of \$10.50 for lifeguards and temporary summer help was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #279 a resolution to increase the hourly wage for capped employees. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the current COLA adjustment and what the employees have received historically. Clerk Sweet reviewed the budget impacts. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the review and awarding of the garbage contract. Much discussion was had regarding the two proposals. Brandon Sandbak from MacKenzie answered questions regarding his proposal. The council asked Clerk Sweet to put together a one-page comparison of the two proposals. A motion to table the award of the garbage contract was made by Councilwoman Cullum and seconded by Councilman Shultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item was to re-appoint Ray Kuntz as the Town Attorney. A motion to approve the re-appointment was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item was a discussion regarding wind farm impacts. Discussion was had regarding projects that need to be completed. We are still waiting on some cost estimates for projects. Clerk Sweet had a meeting scheduled with a planner from Great West Engineering to get a proposal for a growth policy.

The next item was a discussion regarding the need for a new town hall building. There are no new updates at this time.

Attorney Kuntz updated the council on items he has been working on.

Judge Kraft presented his stats from April.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Public Works Director Novakovich updated the council on projects on which the public works crew is working.

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of April.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: None.

There being no further business Councilman Shultz motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.



Mark DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk